

CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) ~~The illuminated identification system of claim 1~~ An illuminated identification system comprising:
a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed,
and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;
a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;
an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;
a flashing means in series with said power source;
a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,
a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means.
and further comprising an external light mounted externally to said light chamber, wherein said external light is in series with said power source.
6. (original) The illuminated identification system of claim 5 wherein said external light is further in series with said second switch, such that said second switch is between said external light and said power source, and in parallel with said flashing means.

7. (cancelled).

8. (currently amended) ~~The illuminated identification system of claim 7~~ An illuminated identification system comprising:

a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a flashing means in series with said power source;

a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,

a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means.

wherein said power source is a low voltage 12 VAC power source, and further comprising a low voltage transformer, wherein said low voltage power source originates from a standard 110 VAC power source which is routed through said low voltage transformer.

9. (original) The illuminated identification system of claim 8 further comprising a resistor in parallel with said flashing means.

10. (original) The illuminated identification system of claim 9 wherein said resistor is approximately 100 ohms.

11. (original) The illuminated identification system of claim 8 wherein said low voltage transformer is remotely located from said light chamber.

12. (currently amended) ~~The illuminated identification system of claim 1~~ An illuminated identification system comprising:

a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a flashing means in series with said power source;

a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,

a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means; and, further comprising;

a red emergency light, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said power source;

a second flashing means, wherein said second flashing means is in series with said red emergency light, but not in series with said first flashing means, said first switch or said second switch; and,

a third switch, wherein said third switch is in series with said red emergency light and said second flashing means, but not in series with said first switch or said second switch, and wherein said third switch is controlled by an external alarm system.

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

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16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) ~~The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14~~ A mailbox assembly with an illuminated identification system integral thereto, comprising:

a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a mailbox, having a post portion, and a box portion, wherein said mailbox has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber;

a flashing means in series with said power source;

a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,

a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means,

wherein said mailbox post portion has a base which is secured to the ground, and a top which supports said box portion, further comprising a standard electrical outlet mounted into said base of said post portion, wherein said electrical outlet is in series with said lighting means and wherein said electrical outlet is located between the power source, and said lighting means.

24. (currently amended) ~~The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14~~ A mailbox assembly with an illuminated identification system integral thereto, comprising:

a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a mailbox, having a post portion, and a box portion, wherein said mailbox has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber;

a flashing means in series with said power source;

a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,

a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means,

further comprising an external light mounted externally to said mailbox, wherein said external light is in series with said power source.

25. (original) The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 24 wherein said external light is further in series with said second switch.

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) ~~The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 26~~ A mailbox assembly with an illuminated identification system integral thereto, comprising:

a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a mailbox, having a post portion, and a box portion, wherein said mailbox has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber;

a flashing means in series with said power source;

a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off;

a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means; and,

wherein said power source is a low voltage 12 VAC power source,
further comprising a low voltage transformer, wherein said low voltage power source originates from a standard 110 VAC power source which is routed through said low voltage transformer.

28. (original) The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 27 further comprising a resistor in parallel with said flashing means.
29. (original) The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 28 wherein said resistor is approximately 100 ohms.
30. (original) The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 27 wherein said low voltage transformer is remotely located from said light chamber.
31. (cancelled)
32. (cancelled)
33. (currently amended) ~~The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14~~ A mailbox assembly with an illuminated identification system integral thereto, comprising:
a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed,
and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;
a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;
an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;
a mailbox, having a post portion, and a box portion, wherein said mailbox has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber;
a flashing means in series with said power source;
a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,
a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said

lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said

lighting means, further comprising;

a red emergency light, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said power source; and,

a switch five, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said switch five, but not in series with said first switch or said second switch, and wherein said switch five is controlled by an external alarm system.

34. (cancelled)